

**Shea, Valois**

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Shea, Valois  
**Subject:** Fw: ACTION NEEDED: Uranium Mining Black Hills ☒

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I am writing to let you know that not only is this a concern for the Black Hills area, but should be a concern of the whole SD state. Why on Earth are we letting others in to mine and drill on SD land who are not even from here? regardless though, This is horrible! Please know that myself and many others are against this Uranium mining and pollution of our water and lands. I am from Eastern SD but my husband and I have been seriously considering moving our family to the Hills in the near future (Preferably the Hot Springs area) If the water is polluted, there is no way that will happen, we will just stay put! Please do not let big companies (or anyone for that matter) pollute our wonderful state! Without water, life dies.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

*"Do not meddle in the affairs of Dragons, for you are crunchy and good with ketchup!"*

On Monday, April 10, 2017 3:06 PM, Dakota Rural Action - Black Hills Chapter <tbrennan@dakotarural.org> wrote:



Black Hills Chapter

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**TAKE ACTION TODAY**

**Help Us Stop Uranium Mining in the Black Hills**

Thank you for signing a petition opposing ISL (in-situ leach) uranium mining in South Dakota! I thought you'd like to know about an important development - the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued draft permits for Powertech Uranium (Azarga). If these permits were to be finalized, they would allow the company to inject waste water into the Minnelusa aquifer, and to drill 4,000 wells into the Inyan Kara aquifer to conduct the mining process. The Minnelusa and Inyan Kara aquifers are currently being used by people for drinking water and agricultural operations. Yes, the mining would occur in an aquifer being used by people!

If they were finalized, these permits would be a license to pollute our groundwater. We need to stand up once again and say that we don't want uranium mining in the Black Hills.

As you know, water is precious in western South Dakota. Why risk our scarce water for a foreign company that has never mined uranium, and for a mining technique that has never returned water to its original condition?

The EPA is holding hearings in **Rapid City** (May 8 and 9), **Hot Springs** (May 10), and **Edgemont** (May 11) to gather public input on the proposed permits. Please attend the hearings. We hope that you will speak to state your concerns -- but just being present is also important. Show the EPA that we are watching. The details can be found here:

<https://www.dakotaruralblackhills.org/uranium-mining>

If you are unable to attend, please submit a written comment by May 19, 2017. The EPA needs to hear from concerned citizens like you!

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### **Protect Black Hills Water**



Tell the EPA that Uranium Mining &  
Milling are Not Worth the Risk!  
Public Comment Period Open Until  
May 19, 2017.

Write Now! Attend the Local  
Hearings!

A foreign holding company is seeking  
three EPA permits to pollute the  
precious water tables underlying the  
Black Hills of South Dakota, which is  
the recharge area for our streams  
and lakes, municipal supplies,  
private wells, and agricultural use in  
the entire western state.

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